



## Trash & Recycling Updates, etc...

JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 2012

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### TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE

There are no changes in trash & recycling collection days this quarter.

### 'MANSFIELD RECYCLES' ON FACEBOOK

Mansfield Recycles is now on Facebook. The Mansfield Recycles Facebook page can be found by searching for "Mansfield Recycles" when signed in to Facebook, or by clicking the link to the Facebook page found on the Mansfield website, [www.mansfieldct.org](http://www.mansfieldct.org).

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES

To be informed of trash service changes due to an emergency, sign up for e-mail notification. Go to [www.mansfieldct.gov](http://www.mansfieldct.gov). Click on the E-mail notification tab on the right. Select the Environmental Programs and Press Releases boxes. Click on "join".

### CHRISTMAS TREES

Bring your tree to the transfer station where it will eventually be turned into wood chips. **The charge for each tree is \$5.00.**

### IN-YARD SERVICE

- Effective January 1, 2012, the cost for in-yard trash service for driveways 300 feet or shorter has risen from \$11.50 to \$12.50 per month. The cost for driveways longer than 300 feet has risen from \$15.00 to \$16.25 per month.
- If you receive backyard collection service, on snowy/icy days please sand and plow your driveway wide enough for the refuse truck. Otherwise, please place your refuse by the curb.

### FLATTEN BOXES

Boxes that are not flattened will not be taken by the recycling collector. Flatten boxes and cut down to 3 feet in all dimensions.

### LARGE RECYCLING CONTAINERS AVAILABLE

Twenty-two gallon recycling containers are available for \$10 at the Mansfield Town Hall. The 22 gallon container, at 21 inches tall and 17 inches across, is well suited for single stream recycling.

### USING A TRASH CAN TO HOLD RECYCLABLES?

Please do not use anything larger than 30 gallons. Boldly label the can "**RECYCLE**".

### ONLINE REUSE EXCHANGES

**Freecycle**—select the Storrs group—[www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)

**Craigslist**—the largest classified site on the web—[www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org)

**ThrowPlace**—the site provides a way to donate directly to charities that are registered with them—[www.throwplace.com](http://www.throwplace.com)

**Gigoit**—a newer re-use exchange—[www.gigoit.org/index.php](http://www.gigoit.org/index.php)

**Book Mooch**—for people who love books—<http://bookmooch.com>

**U-Haul Box Exchange**—after you move, give (or sell) your boxes to someone else—<http://tinyurl.com/u-haulboxexchange>

**Zwaggle**—devoted to exchanging gently used children's items—[www.zwaggle.com](http://www.zwaggle.com)

## IS YOUR ELECTRIC BILL TOO HIGH?

Inefficient appliances can be a significant contributor to your electric bill. Kill-A-Watt meters are a useful tool for showing how much electricity an appliance uses. Simply plug it into the outlet and the appliance into the meter. The Clean Energy Team has several Kill-A-Watt meters available for loan. If you are interested in borrowing one, call 860-429-3333.

## NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR ENERGY CHALLENGE

### Share the Warmth Campaign

Your efforts to save energy and improve your home's comfort this winter can help a neighbor in need. The Neighbor to Neighbor Energy Challenge is sharing the warmth this winter. For every home energy upgrade commitment made through this program during January, Neighbor to Neighbor will give a blanket to a family or child in need. Having a [Home Energy Solutions](#) (HES) assessment will help you determine the best upgrades for your home, and give you access to rebates and financing options to make those upgrades even more affordable. If you would like to participate in the challenge, please contact the Neighbor to Neighbor staff at 860-372-4406 or go to [neighbors@ctenergychallenge.com](mailto:neighbors@ctenergychallenge.com)

## HOME ENERGY BASICS: PART 1 – HOME ENERGY SOLUTIONS

Come and learn why a Home Energy Solutions (HES) visit is the most effective way for you to begin improving your home's energy efficiency and save money on your utility bills. The class will be held in the Community Center Community Room on **January, 11, 2012** from 7 to 9 pm. Participation is free, but pre-registration is required (*two days before*) by emailing [WaltonVD@MansfieldCT.org](mailto:WaltonVD@MansfieldCT.org) or calling 860-429-3333.

## HOME ENERGY BASICS: PART 2 – DEEPER ENERGY SAVINGS

Now that you have received your Home Energy Solutions visit, it is time to make deeper energy savings. How? By following through with the energy-saving upgrades your HES technicians recommended. If you would like help prioritizing these recommendations, or are unsure of how to follow through, this workshop is for you. Connect with reliable contractors and get information about available tax incentives, low-interest financing, and rebates for energy-saving upgrades. The class will be held in the Community Center Community Room on **March 21, 2012** from 7 to 9 pm. Participation is free, but pre-registration is required (*two days before*) by emailing [WaltonVD@MansfieldCT.org](mailto:WaltonVD@MansfieldCT.org) or calling 860-429-3333.

## CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAM

On Tuesday, **March 27, 2012** at 7 pm in the Bishop Center, Mark Hertsgaard, journalist and author of several books including the recently released book entitled "Hot", will be speaking about the impact of climate change on our lives and strategies for adaptation. This interactive program will include what is happening regionally to address the changes we face. Part of a week long Climate Impact Mitigation and Adaptation (CIMA) program at UConn, Tuesday evening's program will be free and open to the public.

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING LIST

Review the alphabetical listing of the items that can be recycled with collection service:

Aluminum foil & trays  
Aerosol cans  
Books  
Beverage and food cans  
Catalogs  
Corrugated cardboard  
Drink boxes  
Glass jars and bottles  
Juice cartons  
Junk mail

Magazines  
Milk cartons  
Newspapers  
Office paper  
Paint cans  
Paperboard  
Plastic *containers* - all types: buckets, tubs, take-out, cups, bottles  
Pots and pans  
Shredded paper